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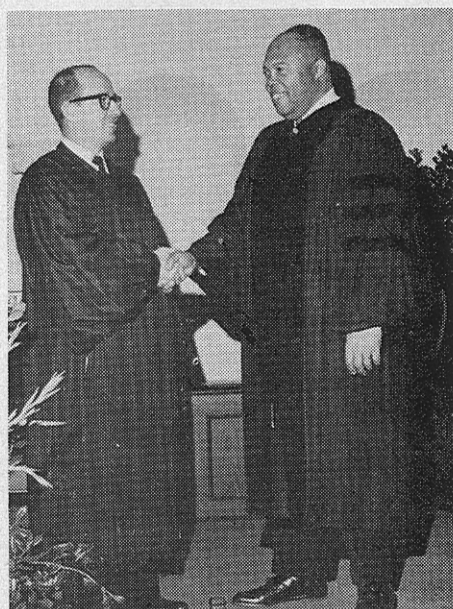
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Left: Rev. Donald Daughtry
Right: Rev. Homer C. McEwen

Daughtry Recognized As Associate Pastor, First Congregational, Atlanta

The Reverend Donald S. Daughtry was formally recognized as associate pastor of the First Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga., Sunday, Feb. 4.

The Reverend Dr. William Andes, Conference Minister, presided at the service and presented the charge to congregation.

First Congregational, a downtown church, has chosen to remain in the heart of the city and to minister to those who work and dwell there. The pastor, the Reverend Dr. Homer McEwen, has been minister of the church since 1947.

Mr. Daughtry, a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, has served as Senior Chaplain of the Pacific Missile Range. He recently returned from the Marshall Islands where he served as Missionary Advisor and as Editor-Publisher of a weekly newspaper.

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Herbster Challenges United Church Assembly

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The United Church of Christ faces serious challenges in the years ahead and its members should remember that the denomination has "been blessed by God with great strengths and the possibilities of great deeds," President Ben Mohr Herbster told the annual United Church Assembly in Cleveland.

WE OUGHT TO BE GRATEFUL

Dr. Herbster noted some of the realities in the denomination for which its members ought to be grateful. Among these were the fact that contributions to Our Christian World Mission have increased each year since 1962, the initiation of an Emphasis designed to strengthen and encourage the local congregations, and the respect that is accorded to persons with differing viewpoints by their fellow churchmen. Also stressed as strengths to be found in the denomination were the ecumenical involvement in mission at home and overseas, the uniting of its Pension Boards and the excellent quality of its publications.

UNITED CHURCH A SIGNIFICANT DENOMINATION

Dr. Herbster stated that the United Church of Christ is a significant denomination in that it is relevant to the

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SEC Annual Meeting To Begin April 27

The annual meeting of the Southeast Conference will be held April 27-28 at the Pilgrim Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

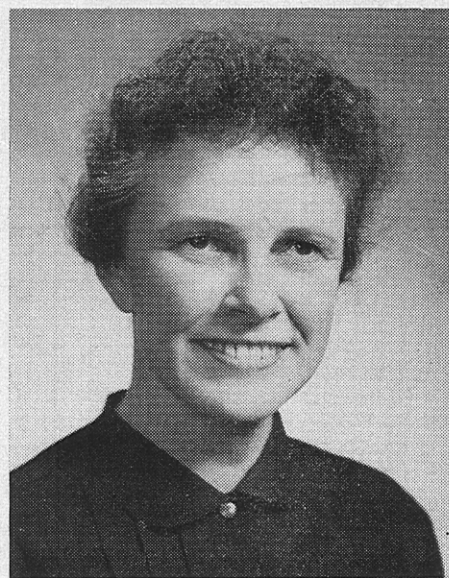
Pastors and delegates should arrive in time for registration Saturday, April 27, at 9 a. m. and plan to remain until the conference adjourns at noon Sunday, April 28.

Names and addresses of delegates should be sent to the Southeast Conference Office, Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329 as soon as possible.

Peace Coordinator Is Established At Assembly

The Council for Christian Social Action, meeting at the 1968 Assembly in Cleveland, established a new post of Peace Coordinator. To be based in Washington, the director will develop a program of "effective citizen action in foreign policy" for the churches.

At the outset, the Council stated, the coordinator will concentrate primarily on the issues of war and peace in Southeast Asia.



Miss Welch To Ohio

The Reverend Miss Carolyn Welch will become pastor of the Ellerton United Church of Christ in Miamisburg, Ohio May 1. She has served as pastor of the Evarts Congregational Church in Evarts, Kentucky for the past 10 years.

The Reverend Miss Welch has lived and served in a community in which the mining of coal has dwindled to a mere trickle and where government aid checks of all kinds have become a necessity of life. She and the Congregational Church she has served have

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LENTEN SEASON ACTIVITIES



Holy Communion Is Central To Knoxville Church Lenten Services

The Knoxville United Church of Christ will begin the Lenten season with a celebration of the Service of Bread on Ash Wednesday.

Following a meal in the Fellowship Hall, bread will be passed to those at the table. Deacons will be among the participants and will assist the minister from their places at the table.

New members will be received during the service of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday.

The Reverend Howard P. Bozarth of Elon College, N. C., is interim minister for the Knoxville church.

Mr. Bozarth has retired after serving as pastor of the Elon College Community Church, and as a professor both at Yankton College in South Dakota and at Elon College in North Carolina. The Bozarth's make their home at Elon College, but are temporarily living at Barclay House, Apt. 217, 1631 Laurel Ave., Knoxville, Tenn. 37916.

She Deserves Recognition

"Miss Karon Fenlon deserves some recognition," states the newsletter of the United Church of South Montgomery. She is the church teenager — the only one!

Miss Fenlon, an eleventh grader, assists in the church school.

Lenten Dramas To Be Presented At Crossville

A series of "Lenten Chancel Dramas" will be presented at the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Crossville, Tenn., on the Wednesday nights in Lent.

The dramas, adaptations from W. A. Poovey's *Cross Words* (Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minnesota), will dramatize in modern situations the Seven Last Words of Christ.

Following each 8-10 minute drama, the pastor will present a meditation, relating it to the drama and the biblical text.

The Reverend William R. Winterbottom is pastor.

"The Fellowship Of Prayer" To Be Used In Lent By First Congregational, Atlanta

The First Congregational Church of Atlanta will use the booklet, "The Fellowship of Prayer," for their Lenten devotions.

Wednesday evening worship service will continue the theme outlined in the manual of meditation. The church has selected four outstanding clergymen in addition to its pastors to conduct the Wednesday services.

Six teenagers will be confirmed on Palm Sunday.

The Service of the Tenebrae will be conducted on Maundy Thursday.

The Reverend Homer McEwen is pastor.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

The worship of God is not a rule of safety. It is an adventure of the Spirit.

— A. N. Whitehead

The fateful question is not whether we have done well, or whether we are doing better than we have done in the past, but whether we are meeting the stern demands and unparalleled opportunities of the times. And the answer is that we are not.

— Rockefeller Panel Reports

Love of neighbor is not radical enough unless it occurs as love of God; and love of God does not happen, nor does man know who God is, unless he loves his neighbor.

— Karl Rahner

Southeast Conference Annual Meeting To Be Held In Chattanooga

The Second Annual Session of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ will meet at Pilgrim Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., April 27-28. The Reverend Arnold Slater is pastor of the church and the Reverend Warren Barr is assistant pastor.

1968-1969 EMPHASIS TO BE DISCUSSED

Dr. Albert Bartholomew of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, will be the leader of a discussion of the 1968-1969 Emphasis, "The Local Church in God's Mission." He will speak on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Trained ministers and laymen will lead discussion groups on the Emphasis during the conference.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Business sessions will be interspersed throughout the conference. The discussion on Resolutions is scheduled for Saturday evening and the main business session for 9 a. m. Sunday.

Mrs. M. J. Jaroszewski of Texas will represent the Executive Council of the General Synod and will speak Saturday afternoon about the work of the national instrumentalities.

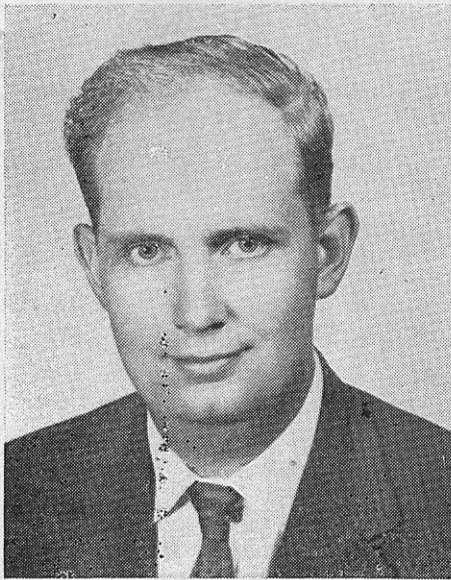
Florida Church Assists Servicemen

The Good Hope Church near Baker, Florida, has been engaged in a ministry to servicemen of the church and community for over two years. Called "Reaching Out", the ministry is to men overseas and in the states.

The church school literature used by Good Hope Church for its Senior High Class is in leaflet form. Each week, members of the Bible study group mail the week's lesson to the men in uniform and at Christmastime they send packages to the men.

Mrs. Edna Nixon reports that the Bible study group has received numerous letters of appreciation from the servicemen.

"Reaching Out" originated when the teacher of the Senior High Class began sending the weekly lesson to her son following his entry into the Army. The Bible study group, in consultation with the pastor, enlarged the program to include many servicemen.



Blankenhorn Is New Pastor At Oak Grove

The Reverend Warren Blankenhorn has become pastor of the active Oak Grove Church of Pine Mountain, Ga.

During the 18 months it was without a pastor, the Oak Grove Church was not idle. Dr. C. F. McCook of La-Grange College supplied the pulpit and performed many pastoral duties. The church sent Mr. J. K. Murphy, one of its members to the Consultation on Church in Community Life, which met in Columbus, Ohio, in September 1967.

The Oak Grove Church was the first church in the Southeast Conference to send to the Conference office the apportionment for the Church Building Aid as voted by the 1967 annual meeting at Birmingham.

After much deliberation, the Oak Grove Church sought release from the Georgia - South Carolina Acting Association and membership in the East Alabama Association. The church is located in the midst of the East Alabama church.

The Reverend Blankenhorn and his family moved into a newly renovated parsonage in February and anticipate a time of challenging service with a vital congregation.

Daughtry Recognized . . .

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After the service of recognition, members and friends greeted Mr. and Mrs. Daughtry in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The Daughtrys have one daughter.

Tennessee Churches Support Church World Service

Appeal For Blankets

March 24 has been designated as Blanket Sunday by churches of many denominations in Tennessee.

Sponsored by the Tennessee Council of Churches and Church Women United, the churches will collect blankets and funds for the purchase of blankets. The project is one of refugee relief under the Church World Service.

United Church of Christ congregations in Tennessee will participate in the project.

Todd Church Has Mortgage Burning

Six years after borrowing \$6204 to purchase of a parsonage, the Todd Church in Shawmut, Alabama, paid the debt in full and had a Service of Mortgage Burning February 4.

Mrs. Horace Gregory, in reviewing the past, remarked that the Todd Church has had to "walk tall" for years — especially when it was without a pastor, in poor financial condition and confronted by internal dissension.

During the past 27 months, the church averaged payments of \$100 to retire the debt.

With joy in their hearts, the congregation sang the Doxology as the fire consumed the mortgage.

Dr. Jesse H. Dollar led the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

The Reverend William Hodnett is pastor of the church.

Prayer, Personal Religion To Be Studied By Montgomery Church

The United Church of South Montgomery, Alabama will meet weekly in Lent to study the problems involved in prayer and personal religion.

The Reverend John L. Martin is pastor.

The headlines of tomorrow are already being written in the vast realms of today's neglect.

— Alan Geyer

"The fundamental project of man is to be God," says Sartre. The fundamental project of religion is to thwart this project.

— Truman Douglass

Pastor's Wife And Son Visit In New Zealand

Mrs. William Hodnett and her son, Bobby, departed February 7 on a month's trip to New Zealand where they will visit family and friends.

Her husband is pastor of the Todd Church in Shawmut, Alabama.

A LETTER FROM THE RAYMOND BERRYS

Dear Friends:

It has pleased us very much to hear from some of you in the Southeast Conference and to receive assistance from individuals, churches, and groups in behalf of our Ministry to Indian Americans. Your good wishes and the assurance of your prayers bring strength to us.

The Cheyenne River Indian Reservation is a very huge expanse of land, sparsely populated. It is many miles from some of the Indian villages to others. Most of the roads are unpaved, rough, and very sticky when wet. Now that winter is here we have to be prepared for sudden blizzards. In my station wagon, I take along extra food, sleeping bag, shovel, flares, and chains. Even so, we listen rather closely to weather forecasts in planning our journeys.

My ministry as a social worker in behalf of the church is developing into a very busy schedule of counseling in the office, visiting in the Indian homes, and working closely with other people in providing services to those children, youth, and adults trapped between a culture which used to be somewhat meaningful and a fast moving society that they find hard to fit into.

A young man twenty-one years old was just in my office. He was abandoned as an infant, taken in by a poor Indian lady, reared (if we can call it that) in the depths of poverty, neglect, and lack of concern. Do you wonder that he is confused? He does not consider himself a man. He can't. There were not enough little "successes" in his formative years for him to achieve self-respect, sense of dignity, and manfulness. He is truly lost.

Later today, when school is out, some of the younger children, 11-15, will come to my office. They live in government dormitories during the week. When they come to my office, I will deal with such problems as ex-

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Resource For Ecumenical Group Study Is Published

Church Union In Focus by J. Robert Nelson, a lively study book on the Consultation on Church Union (COCU), will be used by many UCC churches in adult study courses this fall.

Recently published by the United Church Press, it introduces the purposes of COCU, provides a critical discussion of the reasons for entering into organic church union and gives a brief history of the ecumenical movement in the U. S.

The paperback volume is available at United Church bookstores for \$1.

Dr. Nelson is a professor of theology and a member of the Methodist delegation to COCU.

Eyeglasses Are Needed By Mission Activity

Dr. Oliver Hitch of Wisconsin is contributing his services to perform eye operations in Honduras during the early months of 1968.

Reports indicate that approximately 50 persons will need post-cataract-operation glasses.

Do you have glasses of any kind you are no longer using? If so, they can be used by these 50 persons.

Send them, please, to:

New Eyes for the Needy, Inc.,
Short Hills, New Jersey 07078

The project is endorsed by the medical committee of the Board for World Ministries.

HAVE YOU EATEN?

By giving to "One Great Hour of Sharing - S. O. S.", you battle starvation and bring hope of a brighter future to many who are in need.

Herbster Challenges . . .

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world through its efforts in race relations, its publications, its educational programs and its efforts for peace.

THE THING THAT IS MOST RIGHT ABOUT THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

President Herbster said, "There is, at the end, a final blessing. The thing that is most right about the United Church of Christ is the faithfulness and devotion of the people of the church."

OGHS - SOS Offerings Well Used In 1967

The question is frequently asked, "What happens to offerings for "One Great Hour of Sharing — Share Our Substance?"

Offerings for OGHS - SOS in 1967 amounted to approximately \$800,000. A general breakdown of this amount is Community Development - Self Help, \$216,000; Emergency Relief, \$72,000; Refugees, \$112,000; Ministry of Fellowship, \$72,000; Children - Family Life, \$40,000; Medical Service - Family Planning, \$48,000; Food Production, \$144,000; Medical Aid, \$96,000.

Miss Welch Transfers . . .

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sought to meet the tremendous needs of the changing community.

During her ministry, the area's first integrated Vacation Church School was held and the church voted to be an open church, accepting into its membership all persons who indicate their desire to participate. The church also established a birth control clinic, and it celebrated its 75th anniversary during Miss Welch's ministry.

She served the Southeast Conference in many ways— as moderator, as member of boards and committees, and as a dedicated minister.

A sentence which she used in a letter of resignation from the Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference expresses the character of her work as pastor of the congregation in Evarts. Miss Welch wrote, "I had hoped to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors February 21, but a member of the church is going to the hospital that day for surgery, and I never leave the parish under such circumstances."

Whether surgery was to take place or the poorest of the poor in the community needed transportation, the Reverend Miss Welch was pastor to the community as well as to those in the church fellowship.

The Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference accepted her resignation February 21 and sent its greetings and best wishes to Miss Welch as she departs for Ohio.

Miss Welch has served well and has had the high regard of her fellow-ministers in the Conference.

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Letter from the Berrys . . .

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cessive drinking by 13-year-olds, truancy, fighting, poor grades, neglect by parents, need for clothes, and a host of related issues which combine in these young lives to spell trouble.

Lest you think this to be an "impossible mission," let me say that I am dealing with people who have great potential.

I will continue to go where they live — across the prairie, through cattle gates (I never opened and closed so many pasture gates in my life!), into the valleys, and over the hills — talking, planning, persuading, and sometimes chiding for an improved sense of worth, a little initiative, a heartfelt response to the call of God through Jesus Christ which elevates one's sight and clears somewhat the glass that he now sees through so darkly.

Thank you for participating with us in this ministry — through OCWM, prayers, and other sharing.

Sincerely,

W. Raymond Berry

Cheyenne River Indian Reservation
Eagle Butte, South Dakota 57625

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GIVING OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE CHURCHES IN 1967

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

BASIC SUPPORT ONLY

ALABAMA:

Alexander City, Antioch (Inactive)	\$ 0
Alexander City, Hunt Memorial	0
Alpine, King's Chapel	0
Andalusia, Antioch	132.00
Andalusia, First	200.00
Anniston, First	0
Arley, Robertson's Chapel	350.00
Ashland, Bethel	0
Athens, Trinity	0
Birmingham, First	596.83
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,265.00
Birmingham, St. John's	396.46
Brantley, Indian Creek	0
Brantley, Liberty	0
Caddo, Congregational Christian	168.78
Clio, New Hope	100.00
Cullman, St. John's	501.61
Dadeville, Elder	351.80
East Tallassee, Congregational Christian	483.38
Eclectic, Watson's Chapel	0
Five Points, State Line	0
Garden City, Congregational Christian	240.00
Hackleburg, Fairview	0
Haleyville, Union Grove	50.00
Hanceville, Mt. Grove	85.00
Headland, Blackwood	345.45
Houston, Liberty Hill	0
Huntsville, United	1,594.36
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	260.95
Lanett, Congregational Christian	4,529.00
Lanett, Huguley	50.00
Langdale, Congregational Christian	2,727.85
Lineville, New Harmony (Inactive)	50.00
Marion, First	40.00
Midland City, Christian Hill (Inactive)	0
Montgomery, First	0
Montgomery, United	541.10
Moulton, Jones Chapel	25.00
Mt. Creek, Union	0
Phenix City, First	550.00
Phenix City, Russell Woods	43.00
Pisgah, Congregational Christian	50.00
Roanoke, Antioch	232.45
Roanoke, Bethany	50.00
Roanoke, First	300.00
Roanoke, Forest Home	50.00
Roanoke, Lowell	458.37
Roanoke, Mt. Zion	26.00
Roanoke, New Hope	250.00
Roanoke, Rock Stand	130.00
Roanoke, Rock Spring	0
Roanoke, Sweet Home (Inactive)	0
Selma, First	36.25
Seman, Community	0
Shawmut, Todd	300.00
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	52.00

Tallassee, Mt. Olive	117.00
Talladega, First	0
Town Creek, Old Liberty	15.90
Wadley, Beulah	0
Wadley, Christian	420.00
Wadley, Corinth	200.00
Wedowee, Caver's Grove	0
Wedowee, Noon Day	0
Wetumpka, Balm of Gilead	0

FLORIDA:

Baker, Good Hope	117.72
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	0
Bonifay, New Effort	0

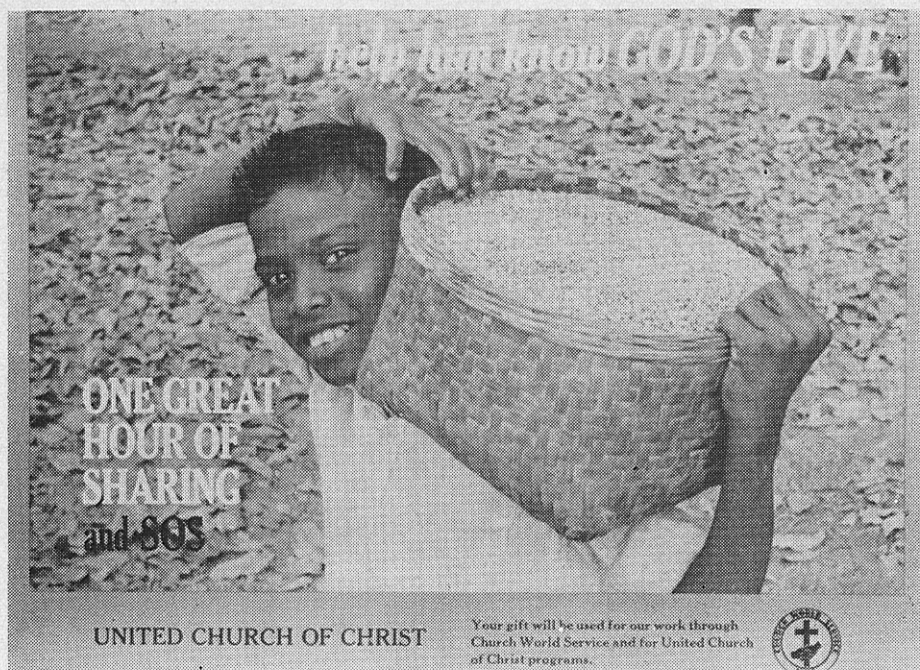
GEORGIA:

Ambrose, Christian	20.00
Atlanta, Carroll Heights	0
Atlanta, Center (Inactive)	0
Atlanta, Central	6,550.00
Atlanta, First	4,200.00
Atlanta, Rush Memorial	364.00
Barnesville, Fredonia	300.00
Baxley, Friendship	0
Beachton, Evergreen	0
Bowman, Liberty	58.25
Braselton, Macedonia	46.00
Bristol, Antioch	0
Buford, Duncan's Creek	0
Columbus, First	390.00
Columbus, United	50.00
Crest, Hebron	0
Demorest, Federated	300.00
Doerun, New Light	0
Doerun, Poplar Arbor	0
Douglas, First	0
Enigma, Christian	0
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	47.00
Hampton, County Line	0
LaGrange, Hillside	300.00
LaGrange, United	696.97
Macon, First	0
Meansville, First	0
McIntosh, Midway	100.00
Pearson, Union Hill	416.00
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	600.00
Richland, First	25.00
Richland, Providence Chapel	0
Savannah, First	325.00
Thomasville, Bethany	0
Tifton, First (Inactive)	0
Tifton, Vanceville	0
Waycross, Williams Chapel	260.00
West Point, Bethel	0
Woodbury, Jones Chapel	39.00

KENTUCKY:

Evarts, First	1,100.00
Stearns, Community	0

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WHAT IS A SENIOR HIGH WORK CAMP?

For the first time in several years a Senior High Work Camp will be held in the Southeast Conference area. Denominationally sponsored, a Work Camp for senior high young people (at least fifteen years of age and through the tenth grade) will be held at Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Georgia, July 1-14. Cost is \$30, plus travel.

OTHER WORK CAMPS IN U. S.

Other Work Camps will be held at Delmo Homes Development, Lilbourn, Missouri; Plymouth Settlement House, Louisville, Kentucky; Pilgrim Camp, Ripon, Wisconsin; and Camps Andover and Waldron on Lake Winnesquam, New Hampshire.

For complete information of any of these Work Camps, write to: United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, Division of Christian Education, Pottstown, R. D. 2, Pottstown, Pennsylvania 19464, specifying the particular Work Camp in which you are interested.

FILMSTRIP ON WORKCAMPS

The Southeast Conference Audio-Visual Library has a color filmstrip with script which describes what happens at a Work Camp. Entitled "With Our Hands," the filmstrip is available for use in our churches.

Pilgrim Church Women Assist Neighborhood Service Center

The Women's Fellowship of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Mountain Brook, Alabama, is assisting the new North Birmingham Neighborhood Service Center. The center is located in a low-income area and acts as headquarters for a number of activities designed to aid all age groups.

The women volunteer their services as well as contribute money to the center.

S. Alabama, NW Florida Hold Discussion Meeting

An unusual spirit — the desire to move ahead through experimental ministries—is characteristic of a small Association of United Church of Christ churches in South Alabama and North-west Florida.

February 25, five of the nine churches of the Association met at New Hope Church, Clio, Alabama, for a discussion meeting. Not a formal meeting of the Association, but an informal dialogue was held.

The group grappled with such questions as: Are our churches concerned with the purpose of the church? What are the qualifications and duties of the officers of the church? What ought we to be doing? What is the outlook for our congregations?

The participants thought that their churches should relate themselves more to the needs of the world, that they

New Film Available For Promoting OGHs - SOS

"H-H Factor" is a very unusual film and it "packs a wallop." The film is a 15-minute presentation in stark dramatic sequences. It is a projection of what might be expected in the 1980's as the "hungries" increase.

The film is an excellent resource for those churches which are promoting One Great Hour of Sharing — S. O. S.

Copies will be available rent-free from the Conference office.

should be involved in the lives of the poor and seek in every way to articulate the Good News of God in Jesus Christ.

Among the needs of the churches, two stood out: trained leadership and fellowship between congregations.

The discussants indicated that the churches need a pastor-at-large in the Association. They thought that the Association could experiment with the idea.

GIVING TO OCWM . . .

MISSISSIPPI:

Tougaloo, Union 275.00

SOUTH CAROLINA:

Charleston, Circular 253.50

Charleston, Plymouth 270.00

TENNESSEE:

Belvidere, First 2,400.00

Chattanooga, First 306.00

Chattanooga, Pilgrim 4,350.00

Crossville, First 1,292.86

Daisy, Congregational Christian 0

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Deer Lodge, Congregational Christian 167.08

Glenmary, Congregational Christian 68.00

Knoxville, First 28.88

Nashville, Brookmeade 450.00

Nashville, First 2,725.00

Nashville, Fisk Union 0

Nashville, Howard 240.00

Pleasant Hill, Community 900.00

Robbins, Barton Chapel 130.00

Soddy, First 0

Sweetwater, First 175.00

TOTAL

\$48,701.80

Summer Camps To Be Joint Ventures This Summer

A number of junior and senior high camps will be sponsored by the Southeast Conference of the United Church and the United Presbyterian Church this summer, according to an announcement by the Reverend Miss Emilie Pitcock.

The schedule is as follows:

Junior high camps will be for those who have completed grades 7, 8, or 9 by the summer of 1968.

June 17 - 22, Camp Ozone, Tenn.; July 1 - 8, Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Georgia; July 14 - 20, Elk River (north) Alabama; July 28 - August 3, Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Ga.; August 4 - 10, Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Ga.

SENIOR HIGH CAMPS

Senior high camps will be for those who have completed grades 10, 11, or 12 by the summer of 1968. Some are open to those who have completed grade 9. July 1 - 14, Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Ga.; July 1 - 8, Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga.; July 26 - 28, Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Ga.; July 28 - August 2, Appalachian Trail Camp I, based at Maryville, Tenn.; August 4 - 9, Appalachian Trail Camp II, based at Maryville, Tenn.; August 19 - 24, Black Mountain Trail Camp, based at Camp Ozone, Tenn.

Miss Pitcock stated that further information regarding these camps may be obtained from the Conference office.

Lancaster Convocation To Highlight 1968-69 Emphasis

Lancaster Seminary, with the National Office on the U. C. C. Emphasis, has planned a four-day work-training convocation on "The Local Church in God's Mission," April 19 - 22. Pastors and laymen who desire intensive study on the Emphasis are encouraged to attend.

Heading the leadership team for the four-day event will be Dr. Robert Moss, president of the seminary, who will direct the Action Bible Study.

Other leaders will include Dr. Gerald Jud, Dr. Willis Elliott, and Dr. Philip Anderson.

Meetings Held At Conference Office

The Commission on Church and Ministry, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference met February 20-21 at the Conference office in Atlanta.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee submitted a Preliminary Planning Report which revealed that most of the congregations in the Conference have fewer than 100 members (93 out of 125). Therefore, in order to exist, many of the churches must be served by men who are employed in secular work and who are able to provide a preaching ministry and only a minimum of other pastoral services.

The report indicated that 26 ministers have a college education or more and that 70 ministers have little or no education beyond secondary schools.

The Commission on Church and Ministry initiated plans for making theological training available through seminars and short term courses.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors, noting that Conference Commissions were overly large and too expensive, voted that each Commission shall be composed of a chairman and six additional members elected for a term of one year and representing at least four associations. This measure means that each commission will have seven members instead of 14.

The Board elected five representatives to the Interim Board of Directors for Dorchester Center: H. C. McEwen, J. Enwright, J. B. Wright, Mrs. A. C. Curtright, and A. Slater.

BUDGET

The Board adopted a budget for 1968 of \$75,321. Our Christian World Mission giving will provide \$53,750; the remainder will derive from other sources. If a third staff member is hired, salaries and allowances will total \$24,700.

The Conference intends to contribute \$14,000 to the national OCWM treasury as basic support.

The publication of the Southeast News costs \$1,000 above income derived from subscriptions.

Treasurer Harold Thomas reported that the Conference has \$5,493.15 in the bank, all of which is in restricted funds. He further notes that the unrestricted funds account is \$375.21 in the red.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH WORK

The Christian Education and Youth Work Committee reports that eight summer camps and conferences have been set up in various areas of the Conference. These will be ecumenical ventures with the United Presbyterian churches of the area. Our churches will need to furnish leaders as well as campers.

Laity Workshop To Be Held In Atlanta

"Facing the New Day" will be the theme of the Southeast Conference Laity Workshop to be held at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga., Saturday and Sunday, March 30 - 31.

Featured on the program will be a report of the Laity Assembly in Chicago, introduction of new visual aids, discussion of mission study themes, helps for Family Thank Offering planning and information about conference service and mission stations.

Current trends in interdenominational cooperation will also be presented by a panel discussion.

PROGRAM LEADERS

Program participants in the workshop include Mrs. F. C. Lester, Regional Secretary for the Council for Lay Life and Work; the Reverend Miss Emilie Pitcock, Conference Director of Religious Education; Conference Minister, the Reverend William J. Andes; and William R. Green Jr. of Huntsville, Alabama.

Members of the Lay Life and Work Commission are: Mrs. Arthur Curtright of Savannah, Mrs. John Roemer of Nashville, William R. Green Jr. of Huntsville, Walter Graham of Wadley, and Mrs. Edward M. Brown of Atlanta.

REGISTRATION

Registration and meals are \$4; room for one night \$6.

Reservations may be sent to the Southeast Conference Office or to Commission Chairman, Mrs. Edward M. Brown, 499 Emory Circle, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307.

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Highlights From United Church 1968 Assembly

An optimistic note was sounded by Dr. Richard Shropshire, a Wisconsin physician who inspected missionary facilities of the Board for World Ministries in India last year. He found much new evidence of the way the church is working to improve the lives of all the Indian people, not just the Christians.

And Dr. Reginald Helfferich, general secretary for service of the Board for World Ministries, reported the results of a gift of 640 day-old chicks to Ecuador in 1964. The gift has grown to more than 40,000 chickens which have laid approximately 4 million eggs.

A NOTE OF GRAVITY

The optimistic speeches were tempered by grave warnings from other speakers, however.

The Reverend Arlie Porter, Minister of Metropolitan Mission in Detroit, reporting for the Crisis in the Ghetto Committee, said that "the church stands badly torn and bleeding" as a result of the racial crisis.

He stated that if the problems of the ghettos are to be eased by the church, it will have to raise money and a lot of it.

"There is a danger that the very size of the problems and needs will immobilize us," he said. "... we simply must reach down into the pockets of our national instrumentalities and our state and regional conferences and our local congregations and experience a great outpouring of money backed by concern," he continued.

MASSIVE STARVATION FORECAST

The Reverend B. Kenneth Anthony, associate general secretary for service of the Board for World Ministries, warned that by the early 1980's the world will face mass starvation, and that it might already be too late to do anything about it. He urged churchmen to support all programs which seek to improve agriculture and to raise more food.

United Church Youth Annual Meeting To Feature Academy Theatre Troupe

An exciting experience is promised for Saturday, March 31, when a touring company of professional actors presents an original production to the Annual Meeting of the United Church Youth of the Southeast Conference at First Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The group, from Atlanta's Academy Theatre, has received standing ovations ("as if they had just won a football game") from students in deprived inner-city schools that have everything.

Confronted by the drama, the youth will be challenged to look at themselves and the world in which they live — then to explore their responsibilities.

REGISTRATION TO BE SATURDAY MORNING

Registration for the Annual Meeting begins at 9 a. m. Saturday morning, with the business session getting under way at 10 a. m. Terry Simmons, president, will preside.

Registration forms and information have gone out to ministers, church clerks, and youth advisors whose names are in the Conference office.

Lightbourne Elected To Council Of Conference Executives

CLEVELAND, Ohio — At the annual United Church Assembly, the Reverend Dr. James H. Lightbourne Jr., minister of the Southern Conference (former minister of the Southeast Conference), was elected vice-chairman of the denomination's Council of Conference Executives.

The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Norberg, minister of the Northern California Conference, was elected chairman of the Council and the Reverend Dr. R. Vernon Lawson, superintendent of the Rhode Island Conference, was elected secretary.

UCC Giving Is Up 3.99 Per Cent

UCC congregations increased their support of conferences and national instrumentalities by 3.99 per cent in 1967, said Dr. Sheldon E. McKay, executive secretary of the Stewardship Council.

Total giving by the churches was \$18,409,365, of which \$11,071,732 went to national instrumentalities and \$7,337,633 went to the conferences.

OGHS - SOS Offering To Be Received March 24

"A nation conditioned by affluence might possibly be suffering from COMPASSION FATIGUE, the peril of narrowing our field of vision to leave out the unpleasant view of life disfigured by hunger," reported the President's Science Advisory Committee.

"But an excellent antidote to Compassion Fatigue is ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING," stated the United Church.

One Great Hour of Sharing is our participation — as we give our money — in the fight against the massive, mute agony of hunger and famine, or the destructive onslaught of hurricane, flood or earthquake, or the indiscriminate savagery of civil strife, or most important of all, it is our involvement in the long, tedious but urgent self-help programs in which we assist those who are seeking to help themselves.

Our giving will involve the church in the crucial issues of our times. The church will meet the needs of a suffering world to the extent that we provide the funds.

Give generously, encourage your congregation to give generously, to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, March 24.

PASTOR INJURED

The Reverend William Hill has been in a Birmingham hospital since early January when he was struck by an automobile.

He was pastor of the churches at Alpine and Athens. He is now retired and residing in Birmingham.